



**Long Beach Unit 557
Board Minutes
January 9, 2012**

Call to Order: Diane Sachs called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Members present were Carmela Chiurazzi, Betty Jackson, Fern Dunbar, Hank Dunbar, John Killian, Rob Preece, Jean Ingram, Ernest Ross, Rosalie Storc, Larry Slutsky and Mary Thomas. Kevin Lane was absent.

Minutes: John made a motion, seconded by Rob that the December minutes be accepted. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Betty reported that as of 12/31/11 our total assets were \$12,842.

The December Unit Game loss was \$31.

The next Unit Game is February 12, 2012. The Directors will be requested to help clean up after the Unit Games.

Correspondence/Hospitality/Charity: Per Ernie, there was \$7.00 collected in the month of December for the Women's Shelter and \$300 will be sent to the Women's Shelter for donation.

Sanctions: Diane will be working with Brandon on the Future Unit Games at LBCC and Leisure World.

The following are the Unit Games:

Unit 557 Unit Games:

Feb 12
Mar 25
Apr 22
May 27
Jun 24
Jul 15
Aug 19
Sep 23
Oct 28
Nov 18
Dec 23

Long Beach Bridge Club Unit Games:

Jan 16
Feb 2
Mar 17
Apr 1
Jul 4
Oct 31
Nov 23
Dec 31

The remaining 4 unit games will be at the Leisure World Bridge Club.

Refreshments: In the December Unit Game, Hank handed out a questionnaire that asked the participants if they prefer Dessert – Cake and ice cream for \$8 or Food for \$10 for Unit Games. The majority of the participants preferred Food (vs. Dessert).

There were discussions regarding the Food in the Unit Games.

For the February Unit Game the following will bring food:

Jean - Starch
Betty - Spinach Salad
Rosalie - Regular Salad
John - Dessert

For the March Unit Game, the following will bring food:

Jean - Starch
Betty - Spinach Salad
Larry - Fruit Salad

Diane and Fern will work with a Bridge Club member for the main dish in both Unit Games for Cost of the Food.

Sectional: Rob suggested a 99er Sectional and Larry suggested an NLM Sectional.

I/N Coordinator: Hank is conducting Bridge Lessons for the Intermediate/Newcomer and has a regular group participating in the Lessons.

Rob and Rosalie request that the Mentoring Program be revived. The last one was very helpful and well received.

Awards: Per Fern, the Awards Game will be in April 22.

ALACBU Report: The District will still be holding the Pasadena Regional in July where they will change games time to 1:00 and 7:00.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: There were discussions to change the Board Meetings to the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:00 am. Hank made a motion to change the Board Meetings to the Wednesday before the 4th Sunday of each month at 11:00 am, seconded by Ernie. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Bylaws were distributed to the Board. Betty and Carmela volunteered to go over the existing Bylaws for review.

Kevin Lane has been absent two consecutive meetings. Diane will contact Kevin.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM. The next meeting will be on February 8, 2012 at 11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Carmela Chiurazzi.